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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OSP Quarterly Review -- First Quarter FY1969

1. Because the OSP Quarterly Review booklet [redacted] includes most of the pertinent information for this review, the following comments are only to record additional remarks made by Mr. Crowley and Mr. Duckett.

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2. In talking about the personnel authorizations and on-board strength in OSP, Mr. Crowley predicted a possible shift of people from his immediate office into Program Administration Division. He has an avowed intention to reduce his immediate staff to an absolute minimum.

3. The CORONA staff will be combined gradually with [redacted] so that the best long-range utilization of personnel can be made. Note that CORONA is essentially a complete system [redacted] Mr. Crowley also mentioned that there are [redacted] remaining CORONA launches.

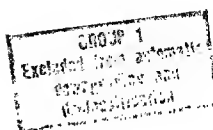
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4. Dr. Flax asked if and how we could preserve any equity for another six months of CORONA launches after the programmed end of this system. OSP will provide this answer through DD/S&T.

5. Mr. Duckett reminded the participants that we should be willing and cooperative if and when NASA requests evaluation of CORONA as an earth resources collection vehicle. We are all to remember in the future that we have considered a CORONA follow-on as a logical earth resources vehicle and that we can provide NASA with some pertinent information. The August CR¹ vehicle will carry IR film and may be used to demonstrate some earth resources capability.

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7. Assuming there are no money limitations, how fast could we get a CORONA system ready to fly if we could provide any contractor with drawings and specifications? After the system once closes down it would take two years to get the first camera system ready to fly and even then there would be a great reliability gamble on the first such system. Note that there is now a 9-month lead time to re-order a CORONA camera system even with the pipeline in force.

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13. The planning [] in Mr. Crowley's words, "atrocious". OSP may have to [] much as they did in [] is now moving to man its problem areas as they should have done back at the beginning of the program.

15. Mr. Dirks then continued with Design and Analysis Division in which he emphasized their planning for the future. The Mission Analysis Branch has been divided into two parts, one of which is primarily concerned with the requirements interface with IRS and DDI.

16. Mr. Duckett reminded the group that the BOB would like to see R&D expenditures such as those included in the DAD budget and funded by NRO to go to zero. Therefore, the money situation this year especially, and probably for following years, is more valid and pressing than ever before.

17. The last item discussed was the restriction placed upon recruitment. As it stands now we are required to recruit only three positions against every four slots vacated. If we are allowed to do so in the Agency, the OXCART reduction to be completed in FY69 will solve the problem for the entire Agency. It is not yet clear whether or not we can take this option. If the OXCART reduction cannot be applied to this recruitment policy then it is possible that DD/S&T may have to reduce recruitment to take up the slack which could be caused by exceptions granted to other components of the Agency.

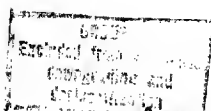
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